

Remarks

The Examiner rejected claims 1 and 7-32 and objected to claims 2-6. Claims 1, 3-6, and 13 have been amended. Claims 2 and 23-32 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 3-22 remain in the application.

The Examiner indicated that claims 2-6 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2. Thus, claim 1 now represents claim 2 rewritten in independent form. Claim 2 has been canceled, and claims 3-6 amended to change their dependencies to claim 1. Claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 12 to correct a typographical error.

Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1 and 3-22 in view of the amendment. This amendment is being submitted electronically with authorization to pay the extension of time fee for response within the first month. If any other fee is due for entering this amendment, please charge it to Deposit Account No. 12-0090. If the Examiner thinks a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, he is invited to call applicants' attorney.

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